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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04/06/07.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-15, 17-23 and 28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1, 2, 8, 16, 24-27 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 3-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. "A computer program comprising" is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Functional Descriptive Material: "Data Structures" Representing Descriptive Material Per Se or Computer Programs Representing Computer Listing Per Se.

Data structures not claimed as embodied in computer-readable media are descriptive material per se and are not statutory because they are not capable of causing functional change in the computer. See, e.g., Warmerdam, 33 F. 3d at 1361, 31 USPQ2d at 1760 (claim to a data structure per se held nonstatutory). Such claimed data structures do not define any structural and functional interrelationships between the data structure and other claimed aspects of the invention which permit the data structure's functionality to be realized. In contrast, a claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a data structure defines structural and functional interrelationships between the data structure and the computer software and hardware components which permit the data structure's functionality to be realized, and is thus statutory.

Similarly, computer program claimed as computer listing per se, i.e., the descriptions or expressions of the programs are not physical “things”. They are neither computer components nor statutory processes, as they are not “acts” being performed. Such claimed computer programs do not define any structural and functional interrelationships between the computer program and other claimed elements of a computer which permit the computer program’s functionality to be realized. In contrast, a claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program is a computer element which defines structural and functional interrelationships between the computer program and the rest of the computer which permit the computer program’s functionality to be realized, and is thus statutory. See Lowry, 32 F. 3d at 1583-84, 32 USPQ2d at 1035. Accordingly, it is important to distinguish claims that define descriptive material per se from claims that define statutory inventions.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1, 2, 16, 24, 25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fan (US 2003/0079021 A1).

Regarding claims 1, 2, 16, 24, 25 and 27, Fan disclose an infrastructure element and method comprising (referring to figure 2): identifying a loss of a bearer connection for an IP communication, wherein the loss of the bearer connection comprises removal of a Point-to-Point (PPP) session by a packet data service node (IP Session is Ended); providing a notification of the loss of bearer connection ("In action 212, the IP session is terminated, and the PDSN 10 sends to the AAA server 14 an Accounting Stop message 214 for informing the AAA server of the termination of the IP session" [0009].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 8 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan (2003/0079021 A1) in view of Faccin et al (US 2002/0120759 A1).

Regarding claims 8 and 26, as explained in the rejection statements of claims 1 and 24 (parent claims). Fan discloses all the claimed limitation in parent claims. Wherein the IP communication uses a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) is missing in Fan. Faccin et al, in the same field of endeavor, teach this limitation. Faccin et al teach "A SIP proxy server is part of the SIP network that provides bearer connection and called related function like calls routing capability to the end user."

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention was made to use SIP in Fan.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 3-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Claims 9-15, 17-23 and 28 are allowed.

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Skog et al (US 6,775,262 B1) disclose wherein a mobile terminal 45 with an established PPP connection to the access server 60 terminates the PPP connection. Initially, the mobile station 45 terminates at 135 the PPP connection with the access server 60. In response to the termination of the PPP connection, the access server 60 transmits an accounting request stop message 140 to the WAP gateway 70.

Barna et al (US 6,999,449 B2) discloses system and method of monitoring and reporting accounting data based on volume.

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Conclusion

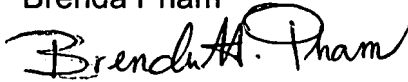
11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn D. Feild, can be reached on (571) 272-2092.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

June 23, 2007

Brenda Pham

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda A. Pham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

**BRENDA PHAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER**